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highest medical and nursing authorities, as witness the action of Boards of Health, medical and sanitary experts and of our own American Nurses' Association.

Nurses are, by the very nature of their calling, anti-poison workers, therefore they are temperance workers. Why should we not become members of this great and public spirited organization? They will help us, we shall help them in the fight against what we all agree is the "greatest cause of human misery."

It would be well if we of the older ranks would formally connect ourselves with these, our sisters in service, and would encourage young nurses to do the same.

The W. C. T. U. has a Young People's Branch (familiarily called the "Y") admitting young people of both sexes and conducted in a way to appeal to their tastes. I wish these or the regular Unions might be organized in training schools, not as a part of the work, but as an approved recreation. The pupils need diversion of thought in leisure hours and would find pleasure and relaxation in the planning and carrying out of programs and at the same time gain valuable knowledge and be brought into touch with some of the brightest minds and greatest movements of the time. We all know the danger of their becoming "hospital centered" unable to think or talk of anything else in season and out of season, a tendency no rule about not talking of their work will combat as successfully as giving them something else to think about.

Why not broaden their horizon to their present pleasure and profit and future benefit? From a purely selfish point of view it pays to join the W. C. T. U. and from an altruistic point it pays much better, for it adds to our usefulness.

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BLADDER DRAINAGE BY VACUUM METHOD

The Journal of the American Medical Association has an illustrated article for bladder drainage by the vacuum method after suprapubic cystostomy. Marvelous results are recorded. In one case continuous drainage was kept up for twenty-nine days; the abdomen became wet once on the fourteenth day due to a clogging of the catheter, otherwise it was entirely dry. It stated that this ingenious apparatus has revolutionized the technic of urinary drainage, completely transformed the postoperative treatment, changed the condition of the patient from soggy discomfort to cleanly comfort and produced healthy, dry, granulating wounds in place of the unhealthy water-logged wounds, with adherent urinary salts now common. The apparatus is in a single compact form, is automatic, being enclosed within a bottle which need never be uncorked. It requires minimum attention, and its action is not dependent on a water supply in the room, nor on a motor.